

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the remarks which follow.

By this Amendment Applicants have cancelled claims 22, 24, 25, 27, 28, 31-34 and 43, without prejudice or disclaimer.

The claims currently pending in this application are 35, 37 and 39-42, inclusive.

Please note that Applicants have attended to the minor informalities noted at page 1, lines 10 and 11 and at page 2, lines 13 and 14 and have corrected the specification accordingly.

Please also note that in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.77(b) Applicants have inserted various section headings noted therein.

It is respectfully submitted that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, of claim 22 is rendered moot in view of its cancellation herein.

It is also respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 22, 24, 27 and 31 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) is rendered moot in view of their cancellation herein. Such cancellation is without prejudice or disclaimer and does not represent Applicants' agreement with the Examiner's determination.

The rejection of claims 25, 28, 33 and 43 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) are rendered moot in view of the cancellation of those claims. The cancellation of those claims herein should not be construed as representing Applicants' agreement with the Examiner's determination.

Applicants take note that claims 35, 37 and 39-42, which are presently pending herein, are allowed.

The objection to claim 32 is rendered moot in view of its having been cancelled herein.

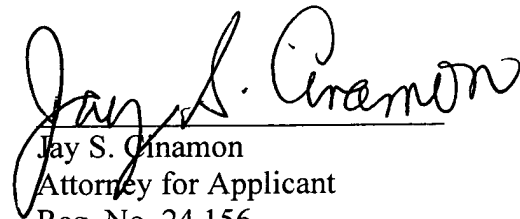
It is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

Please charge any fees which may be due and which have not been submitted herewith to our Deposit Account No. 01-0035.

Respectfully submitted,

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